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Extraordinary Consultative Commission (SRCC) meeting: 25th anniversary of the signing of the Agreement on Sub-Regional Arms Control, in accordance to Article IV, Annex 1-B of the Dayton Agreement

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Excellencies, Distinguished Chair and Colleagues

A quarter of century has passed since the signing of the Sub-regional Arms Control Agreement in Florence, a venue selected for its long cultural history and its beauty, whose influence reached the whole Europe and, probably, the entire world. It was indeed a privilege for Florence to host such a crucial event for the Balkan region.

18 years later, the Signatories assumed the ownership of the Agreement and the full responsibility for its implementation, with the support and assistance of the OSCE and the States of the Contact Group.

We believe that the instrument that we are celebrating today represents a success story in the implementation of the Dayton Agreement, thanks to the political will and commitment of the Parties to its full, timely and consistent implementation. The Agreement still contributes to strengthening trust, security and stability in South Eastern Europe and, today, embodies an effective model of post-conflict rehabilitation.

Furthermore, we fully recognize that the improved security situation has provided the conditions for the positive developments in the social, economic and political fields that we witness today.

Italy will continue to monitor the Agreement's implementation and stands ready to further support activities by the Signatories aimed at promoting co-operation, transparency and predictability.

I thank you.